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Mr. Murphy, Esq.,

Dear Mr. Murphy,

The Provisional Council learnt with great regret at last Thursday's meeting of your notice of resignation from membership of the Council and by unanimous vote instructed me to convey to you their earnest request that you should reconsider your decision. They wish me to point out that your resignation would not only deprive the Council of the guidance and co-operation of its most respected member, but would also mean the loss of a link we can ill spare with the Irish Independence Movement in the past.

Members of the Council share your evident disappointment with the results achieved by the Organisation to date and agree with your view as to the need for enlisting the help of young and enthusiastic workers. In their opinion, the only way to establish contact with such workers is through the formation of branches and, in view of the progress already made in Highgate and Stepney, they are hopeful that with the services of the full-time Organiser (whose appointment has been sanctioned subject to a temporary financial guarantee from Dublin), a number of promising branches may be formed in other areas during the coming months.

When a sufficient number of branches have been established, the question of the election of a representative Central Council on democratic lines will naturally arise, but until that stage is reached it is desirable to maintain intact the provisionally elected body. Least of all, can the Council afford to lose a member who, though a veteran, in years as in national service, is young enough in spirit to put most others to shame and they sincerely trust therefore that on further consideration you will agree to withdraw your notice of resignation, which for the time being and pending your reply they respectfully decline to accept,

Yours truly,

Hon. Secretary of the
Anti-Partition of Ireland League